REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that the claims 19 ad 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 10 has been amended to recite the limitation of claim 19 and its intervening claim 7, and a new claim 21 has been added reciting the allowable claim 20 and its intervening claim 17. Further, the preambles of claims 1 and 10 have been amended to recite limitation in the body of claims for reconsideration.

In view of the foregoing remarks, applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application. If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to kindly telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. If there are any fees due and owing, please charge Deposit Account No. 502-470.

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